

Community College Survey of Student Engagement - College of the Desert

2012 Frequency Distributions - 2012 Promising Practices (6-20)

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6. At this college, I participated in one or more accelerated courses/fast-track programs to help me move through developmental/basic skills/college prep requirements more quickly.	COLLQ2608	Yes, in my first term at this college	57	6.6	2,069	10.0	10,170	10.6
		Yes, in my first AND in at least one other term at this college	33	3.8	1,054	5.1	4,951	5.2
		Yes, but NOT in my first term at this college	53	6.2	1,308	6.3	6,018	6.3
		No, I did not	723	83.5	16,334	78.7	74,435	77.9
		Total	866	100.0	20,765	100.0	95,574	100.0
7. During the current term at this college, my instructors clearly explained a class attendance policy that specified how many classes I could miss without penalty.	COLLQ2609	ALL of my instructors explained a class attendance policy	675	76.0	16,167	75.6	74,613	75.8
		MOST of my instructors explained a class attendance policy	118	13.2	2,875	13.5	13,123	13.3
		SOME of my instructors explained a class attendance policy	74	8.4	1,689	7.9	7,655	7.8
		NONE of my instructors explained a class attendance policy	21	2.4	641	3.0	2,980	3.0
		Total	888	100.0	21,371	100.0	98,371	100.0
8. Before I could register for my first term at this college, I was REQUIRED to take a placement test (ACCUPLACER, ASSET, COMPASS, etc.) to assess my academic skills in reading, writing, and/or math.	COLLQ2610	Yes, and I took it	736	84.1	14,422	70.0	67,352	71.4
		Yes, it was required, but I did NOT take it	48	5.5	1,033	5.0	4,721	5.0
		No, it was not required	91	10.4	5,153	25.0	22,286	23.6
		Total	875	100.0	20,608	100.0	94,359	100.0
9. I became aware that I was required to take a placement test (ACCUPLACER, ASSET, COMPASS, etc.) at this college:	COLLQ2611	More than a month before taking the test	523	59.7	8,890	42.3	41,416	43.0
		About 1 to 4 weeks before taking the test	139	15.8	3,084	14.7	15,153	15.7
		About 1 to 6 days before taking the test	58	6.7	1,632	7.8	7,732	8.0
		The same day I took the test	43	4.9	2,056	9.8	8,989	9.3
		Not applicable; I did not take a placement test	114	13.0	5,371	25.5	23,093	24.0
		Total	876	100.0	21,033	100.0	96,384	100.0

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10. While I was in high school, besides taking the SAT or ACT, I completed this college's placement test (ACCUPLACER, ASSET, COMPASS, etc.) to assess my academic skills in reading, writing, and/or math.	COLLQ2612	Yes	312	36.4	5,274	25.7	25,295	26.9
		No	344	40.1	10,575	51.5	47,583	50.6
		I don't remember	201	23.5	4,682	22.8	21,249	22.6
		Total	857	100.0	20,530	100.0	94,127	100.0
11. Before enrolling at this college, I prepared for this college's placement test (ACCUPLACER, ASSET, COMPASS, etc.) in the following way:	COLLQ2613	On my own using online or printed materials provided by the college	156	17.8	3,784	18.0	18,046	18.8
		Participating in a brief (8 hours or less), intensive brush-up/refreshers workshop	50	5.7	946	4.5	4,579	4.8
		Participating in a multi-day or multi-week brush-up/refreshers program (often held during the summer before fall enrollment)	40	4.6	758	3.6	3,672	3.8
		I did not do anything to prepare for this college's placement test	522	59.4	9,781	46.5	45,599	47.4
		Not applicable; I did not take a placement test	110	12.6	5,752	27.4	24,301	25.3
		Total	879	100.0	21,021	100.0	96,198	100.0
12. If I used resources from this college or one of the college's brush-up/refreshers experiences to prepare for the placement test, I found it:	COLLQ2614	Very helpful	94	10.7	2,056	9.8	10,101	10.5
		Helpful	128	14.6	2,477	11.8	11,307	11.8
		Somewhat helpful	96	11.0	1,846	8.8	8,906	9.3
		Not helpful	43	4.9	906	4.3	4,079	4.3
		Not applicable; I did not use this college's test prep resources	515	58.9	13,622	65.2	61,511	64.1
		Total	874	100.0	20,907	100.0	95,905	100.0
13. The results of the placement test I took at this college indicated that I needed to take a developmental/basic skills/college prep course...	COLLQ2615	In MORE THAN ONE academic skills area (reading, writing, and/or math)	342	40.7	4,734	24.5	21,639	24.2
		In ONE academic skill area (reading, writing, or math)	240	28.5	6,284	32.5	30,154	33.8
		None of the academic skill areas (reading, writing, or math)	148	17.6	3,727	19.2	17,732	19.9
		Not applicable; I did not take a placement test	111	13.2	4,616	23.8	19,757	22.1
		Total	841	100.0	19,361	100.0	89,282	100.0

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14. Because my placement test results indicated that I needed to take at least one developmental/basic skills/college prep course, I was...	COLLQ2616	TOLD that I was REQUIRED to take MORE THAN one of these courses in my first term	266	31.2	3,843	18.4	17,682	18.4
		TOLD that I was REQUIRED to take ONE of these courses in my first term	156	18.2	4,032	19.3	20,817	21.6
		TOLD that I should or could take one of these courses, but I was NOT required to in my first term	188	22.0	3,562	17.1	15,748	16.4
		Not applicable; my placement test results did not indicate that I needed to take any of these courses	140	16.4	3,713	17.8	17,592	18.3
		Not applicable; I did not take a placement test	105	12.2	5,717	27.4	24,417	25.4
Total			855	100.0	20,867	100.0	96,256	100.0
15. I was TOLD that I was REQUIRED to take a developmental/basic skills/college prep course in my first term, and I...	COLLQ2617	DID enroll in MORE THAN ONE of these courses	260	31.3	4,242	21.2	19,567	21.1
		DID enroll in ONE of these courses	205	24.7	4,923	24.6	25,097	27.1
		DID NOT enroll in any of these courses	82	9.9	1,755	8.8	8,204	8.9
		Not applicable	283	34.1	9,087	45.4	39,721	42.9
Total			829	100.0	20,007	100.0	92,589	100.0
16. Before the end of my first term at this college, an advisor helped me develop an academic plan (a personalized plan with a defined sequence of courses for completing a college certificate or degree and/or for transferring to a 4-year college or university).	COLLQ2618	Yes	368	43.3	8,533	41.6	43,813	46.3
		No	383	45.1	9,046	44.1	37,996	40.1
		I'm still in my first term; I have NOT YET developed an academic plan	98	11.5	2,924	14.3	12,828	13.6
Total			849	100.0	20,503	100.0	94,637	100.0
17. Someone at this college contacts me if I am struggling with my studies to help me get the assistance I need.	COLLQ2619	Yes	131	15.5	2,742	13.4	15,640	16.6
		No	505	59.6	10,467	51.1	45,966	48.7
		Not applicable; I have not experienced academic difficulties at this college	212	25.0	7,258	35.5	32,804	34.7
Total			848	100.0	20,468	100.0	94,410	100.0

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18. During the current academic year at this college, I participated in required group learning (experiences such as interacting with a specific group of students inside or outside the classroom, studying together, and/or doing group assignments or projects).	COLLQ2620	Never	434	50.6	11,530	55.3	52,066	54.1
		Less than 1 time a week	194	22.6	4,569	21.9	21,153	22.0
		1 to 2 times a week	173	20.1	3,596	17.3	17,605	18.3
		3 to 4 times a week	41	4.8	809	3.9	3,801	3.9
		More than 4 times a week	16	1.9	339	1.6	1,643	1.7
		Total	858	100.0	20,843	100.0	96,268	100.0
19. During the current academic year, I participated in tutoring provided by this college.	COLLQ2621	Never	573	66.4	15,464	74.0	70,645	73.2
		Less than 1 time a week	134	15.6	2,701	12.9	12,453	12.9
		1 to 2 times a week	98	11.4	1,872	9.0	9,112	9.4
		3 to 4 times a week	33	3.8	575	2.7	2,761	2.9
		More than 4 times a week	24	2.8	299	1.4	1,495	1.6
		Total	862	100.0	20,911	100.0	96,465	100.0
20. During the current academic year at this college, I participated in supplemental instruction/supplemental learning (extra class sessions with the instructor or an experienced student).	COLLQ2622	Never	663	76.9	16,868	80.6	76,925	79.8
		Less than 1 time a week	119	13.8	2,208	10.6	10,830	11.2
		1 to 2 times a week	47	5.5	1,219	5.8	5,826	6.0
		3 to 4 times a week	21	2.4	390	1.9	1,915	2.0
		More than 4 times a week	13	1.5	235	1.1	944	1.0
		Total	862	100.0	20,919	100.0	96,440	100.0

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Colleges in the Comparison Group

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Institution	State
Arapahoe Community College	CO
Arizona Western College	AZ
Brookhaven College	TX
Bucks County Community College	PA
Calhoun Community College	AL
College of Southern Idaho	ID
College of Southern Maryland	MD
Cuyamaca College	CA
Douglas College	BC
Eastfield College	TX
Fayetteville Technical Community College	NC
Harrisburg Area Community College - Harrisburg Campus	PA
Howard Community College	MD
Laredo Community College	TX
Moorpark College	CA
Mountain View College	TX
Northeast Wisconsin Technical College	WI
Northwest Vista College	TX
Onondaga Community College	NY
Ozarks Technical Community College	MO
Pikes Peak Community College	CO
Pitt Community College	NC
Pulaski Technical College	AR
Skyline College	CA
St. Louis Community College - Meramec	MO
St. Louis Community College at Forest Park	MO
State College of Florida Manatee-Sarasota	FL
Truman College	IL
Tyler Junior College	TX
Volunteer State Community College	TN